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1. An information recording method for recording information on an information storage medium capable of recording and playing back at least still picture information, comprising the steps of:

constructing a first information unit having one still picture information;

constructing a first group unit which is composed of a set of first information units, and has a plurality of pieces of still picture information; and

recording one or more pieces of still picture information in the first group unit.

2. An information recording method for recording information on an information storage medium, which is capable of recording and playing back at least still picture information and has a first recording area for recording still picture information itself, and a second recording area for recording first management information that pertains to still picture information, comprising the steps of:

constructing a first information unit having one still picture information, and a first group unit which is composed of a set of first information units, and has a plurality of pieces of still picture information;

recording still picture information on the first recording area in the first group unit; and

recording a plurality of pieces of still picture

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data having second management information which pertains to each still picture information associated with the first information unit.

3. An information recording method for recording still picture information on an information storage medium, which has a first recording area for recording still picture information, and a second recording area for recording management information, which contains first control information that pertains to a recording state of the still picture information, and second control information that pertains to a playback method of the still picture information, comprising the step of:

recording minimum unit information for playing back the still picture information in a field for recording the second control information, and designating still picture information to be played back by contents of the minimum unit information.

4. A method of playing back information from a medium, in which one still picture information constructs a first information unit, a first group unit having a plurality of pieces of still picture information is constructed by a set of first information units, and which records one or more pieces of still picture information in the first group unit, comprising the step of:

sequentially playing back one or more pieces of

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still picture information in the first group unit which is recorded on the medium.

5. A method of playing back information from an information storage medium which has a first recording area for recording still picture information itself, and a second recording area for recording first management information that pertains to still picture information, and

in which a first information unit having one still picture information, and a first group unit which is composed of a set of first information units, and has a plurality of pieces of still picture information are constructed,

still picture information is recorded on the first recording area in the first group unit, and

a plurality of pieces of still picture data having second management information which pertains to each still picture information associated with the first information unit are recorded, comprising the step of:

playing back one or more pieces of still picture information recorded on the medium on the basis of the second management information.

6. A method of playing back information from an information storage medium, which has a first recording area for recording still picture information, and a second recording area for recording management

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information containing first control information that
pertains to a recording state of the still picture
information, and second control information that
pertains to a playback method of the still picture
5 information, and in which minimum unit information for
playing back the still picture information is recorded
in a recording field of the second control information,
comprising the step of:

playing back one or more pieces of still picture
10 information recorded on the medium on the basis of
contents of the minimum unit information.

7. An information storage medium capable of
recording and playing back at least still picture
information,

15 wherein one still picture information constructs a
first information unit,

a first group unit having a plurality of pieces of
still picture information is constructed by a set of
first information units, and

20 one or more pieces of still picture information
are recorded in the first group unit.

8. An information storage medium which comprises
a first recording area for recording still image
information itself, and a second recording area for
25 recording first management information that pertains to
still picture information, and is capable of recording
and playing back at least still picture information,

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wherein a first information unit having one still picture information, and a first group unit which is composed of a set of first information units, and has a plurality of pieces of still picture information are constructed,

still picture information is recorded on the first recording area in the first group unit, and

a plurality of pieces of still picture data having second management information that pertains to each still picture information associated with the first information unit are recorded.

9. An information storage medium comprising a first recording area for recording still picture information, and a second recording area for recording management information containing first control information that pertains to a recording state of the still picture information, and second control information that pertains to a playback method of the still picture information,

wherein minimum unit information for playing back the still picture information is recorded in a recording field of the second control information.

10. A medium according to claim 7, further comprising a recording field of after recording information associated with the still picture information.

11. A medium according to claim 8, further

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comprising a recording field of after recording information associated with the still picture information.

5 12. A medium according to claim 9, further comprising a recording field of after recording information associated with the still picture information.

10 13. A medium according to claim 7, further comprising a recording field of sub-picture information associated with the still picture information.

14. A medium according to claim 8, further comprising a recording field of sub-picture information associated with the still picture information.

15 15. A medium according to claim 9, further comprising a recording field of sub-picture information associated with the still picture information.

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